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CUSTODIANS OF PILGRIM SPIRIT

"Custodians of the Pilgrim Spirit" is the appropriate title of a very attractive sixteen-page leaflet published through the cooperation of the National Boards and the State Conference, for distribution among our churches. Enough copies are available so that every family in northern California Congregationalism may have one. The whole story of the needs and opportunities faced by our Conference and our Boards is presented together with the definite plans for meeting them. A striking symbol of the Pilgrim spirit which is needed today and will again launch out in the face of difficulties, appears on the front page in the form of "The Mayflower" under full sail. Along with this booklet which is furnished free, other interesting and attractive literature has been provided by the Boards in preparation for the every member canvasses of the churches. Samples have been sent to pastors. The Conference office is ready to fill orders promptly. All of this material should be gitten into the hands of our people during the month of November.

MODOC RALLIES

The annual visit to Modoc County is to be made during November by a team of speakers who will be present at the Association meeting and the women's rally. This year, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, President, and Mrs. J. M. Burk, Secretary of Social Relations, of the Federation of Congregational Women, Rev. E. W. Benedict, pastor at Pittsburg, and Superintendent Gill, will make up the team. The Association meeting and women's rally will be at Adin. A visit will be made to Fort Bidwell and Cedarville. It is expected that addresses will be given by at least one member of the team at Adin, Bieber, Alturas, Davis Creek, and Likely.

Field Secretary Busy

Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman spent a busy five weeks in preparing for and carrying forward the Donald Adams Laymen's Conferences. The budget of one church, enabling it to call a pastor, was raised under his leadership. He is now engaged in setting up plans for thorough canvasses in a number of churches. He is also meeting with the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet and laying ground-work for young people's plans and conferences in the winter and spring.

ALAMEDA. Extraordinarily fine congregations have been attending the evening services, attracted by the addresses of Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, growing out of his world-wide travels. Beginning on Sunday, November 15, for one month, the evening services will be broadcast over station KRE.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16-19—Two-Day Preaching Mission in sixteen cities of Northern California.
November 29-December 6—Eight-Day Preaching Mission in local churches.
January 1-3—Midwinter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.
January 26-28—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

CONFERENCE ECHOES

By Godfrey Matthews

Every session of the eightieth annual meeting of the Northern California Conference of Congregational churches, held in San Jose during October 27, 28, and 29, was an inspiring event. The need of the world in which we live, and the resident power of the Christian Gospel to satisfy that need, were brought home to the large delegation, with insight, understanding, and eloquence. The forceful insistence on these factors was made in the very first afternoon meeting when Dr. William F. Frazier, vice-president of the Home Boards, called upon us to be willing "To be dyed with the Christian Dye." Harley H. Gill, our beloved superintendent, wrote that message out in large letters as he eloquently stipulated that the distracted world of our own immediate situation calls for a consecration of money, men, and members of churches, to propagate the motive and the message of Christian ideals in all the relationships of life. Our youthful Conference preacher, John H. Gregg, who had just arrived after a year's outstandingly successful ministry at Porterville with the sad story of the destruction of his church by fire, passionately urged us to remember Him, our Lord and Master, who said that "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." Christ, for John Gregg, is He who gave all for us in order that we might learn how to devote our all to Him,—our all and nothing less. It was a sermon searching the consciences and the hearts of his hearers.

Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, Rev. Cass Arthur Reed of Pomona, Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda, and Superintendent E. D. Gaylord, directed our vision to the white fields of harvest in Russia, Japan, China, and Mexico. Each in his own way, informative, devastating, inspiring, showed us a world we are called upon to aid and bless.

Discussion groups were well attended and keenly enjoyed. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento (able moderator of the Conference), Cass Arthur Reed, youthful E. Harold Mason, W. L. Moore, Ralph Weston, and Norman B. Henderson, efficiently led fruitful discussions on "Private Devotional Living," "Race Fellowship," "Population Trends," and "Ministerial Challenges," and the burdens of presiding were nobly carried by Harvey V. Miller, Charles H. Hudson, and Victor H. Morgan.

The choir of the local church, the A Cappella Choir of the San Jose State College, the Violin Choir directed by Mrs. W. J. Sheller, and Dr. Lewis J. Seligman, basso soloist, provided us with some of the most glorious music that has ever been sung or played at an annual meeting of the Conference. Rev. Benjamin Gould (moderator for the ensuing year) was a genial tireless host and was assisted in his duties by a corps of able workers from his own church membership.

The annual memorial and communion service, conducted by Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton, will live long in the memories of all who participated, as a meeting with our ever present Master and Lord.

The visiting speakers were a noble company: William F. Frazier, D. Elton Trueblood, chaplain of Stanford University, Charles H. Harrison of Portland, and James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion. In all they had to say religion was declared to be the one universal passion of our race; for God we thirst as individuals and as nations; and in God is our sure hope of salvation.

The closing meeting, the annual dinner, was a great event. Fred W. Morrison (soon departing for San Diego) was toastmaster in genial and delightful fashion. The speakers, Dr. Gaylord and Rabbi Irving F. Reichert of Temple Emmanu-El, San Francisco, made notable addresses. For all the tottering trivialities of our time, Dr. Reichert said there is a cause, and that cause is the loss of the sense of Eternal God. He besought us to preach His Name, announce His law, and unswervingly serve His Kingdom.

Vice-Moderator O. L. Elliott, of Stanford, presided over several business meetings with ease and charm.

First Church, Oakland, extended an invitation for next year's meeting and arrangements were referred to the Conference Board of Directors.

Pastor Benjamin Gould and his committees had arranged every detail for the successful entertainment of the conference in a most efficient way. Programs and badges were furnished free by the San Jose Chamber of Commerce. The Police Department extended the courtesy of unlimited parking time for autos belonging to delegates. Newspapers were generous in the space devoted to the meetings. (However, our own Godfrey Matthews worked early and late in preparing the copy.) The San Jose church had been renovated. Ladies were on hand to assist in registration, to take dinner reservations, and to act as hostesses. Arrangements had been made with the weather man to hold back his showers until the day after the conference was over. To one and all we give thanks.

Most of the business conducted at the annual meeting of the Conference was of a routine nature and consisted largely in approving recommendations of various officers and committees. One item of great importance was to instruct the Board of Directors to divide the work of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. Heretofore the plans for the Asilomar and Mid-winter Conferences have monopolized the attention of the committee, and a program in religious education has been wanting. Under the new set-up there will be two committees meeting separately. The Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet will probably constitute the majority of the committee on young people's work, while a new group will undertake responsibility for religious education.

Through the cooperation of the National Boards and the Publishing Society, there was a remarkable display at the State Conference of the work being done by the denomination and of materials available for helping churches in every department of their activities.

Conference paid registrations reached a total of about 375. A number of fees were received from people who did not come, but hundreds came for one session or more, who did not register. It was estimated that a total of about 800 different people were in attendance at one time or another.

RUFUS M. JONES EARL LECTURER

Pacific School of Religion is announcing speakers and plans for the Earl Lectureship, and the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference. The Earl lecturer will be Dr. Rufus M. Jones, Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College, known throughout the world for his writings, especially in the field of mysticism. His general topic will be: "Continuous Revelation." Mr. Y. T. Wu of Shanghai is to conduct a series of seminars. He is a scholar and man of affairs and came into the Christian relationship from a non-Christian background. The Student Christian Movement finds in him a leader of young men.

Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach will conduct a daily seminar on "Social Forces Now at Work in Europe." Members of the faculty will make valuable contributions to the program. Pastors throughout the State will look forward to hearing again Dr. James Muilenburg who added so much to the interest of the conference two or three years ago. The dates that have been selected are; Tuesday to Thursday, January 26-28.

LAYMEN GATHER

The Layman's Conferences under the leadership of Donald A. Adams of Connecticut were a decided success. They were held in seven cities, as follows: Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Fresno, Oakland, Pittsburg, and Palo Alto. At each place afternoon meetings were held at which an hour was spent in discussing the duties of church deacons, under the leadership of Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman and another hour was spent on the duties of trustees and treasurers. Mr. George S. Martin, Mr. Arthur W. Moore, and President Herman F. Swartz participated in these discussions. Following a dinner, Superintendent Gill and Mr. Adams made addresses. A total of nearly 400 men were in attendance, and all but about 60 of them were laymen.

From many quarters have come the urgent request that similar gatherings be held from time to time in order that the officers and members of churches may learn how to do their work more efficiently. A group of laymen are now engaged in hold discussions as to what form a continuing organization should take. Mr. B. R. Bowron of Berkeley is serving as temporary chairman.

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Pittsburg is one church which is going to be well informed about Conference affairs. Finding that his people, who had come from many denominations, knew very little about the Congregational fellowship, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict undertook a personal visitation of every family. A hundred calls were made in a month, and ninety-seven subscriptions were secured for The Pacific. Mr. Benedict reports that he had no difficulty in "selling" the paper, and that he had but one turn-down. This constitutes a record of its kind. Fruitvale Church, Oakland, some months ago made it possible for every family to have the paper. Why is it not possible for many churches to make a similar showing? It would revolutionize our whole enterprise.

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OFFICERS 1936-37

Herewith we publish a roster of the officers and committees of the Northern California Conference. This list included those elected at the recent annual meeting and also those holding over. It would be well to clip this list and paste it in the front of the red Handbook and Directory, as a new edition of that book will not appear until next spring.

Moderator: Rev. Benjamin Gould.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Elmer Benedict.

Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Preacher: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham.

Alternate Preacher: Rev. James D. Salmon.

Board of Directors: **1937**—Mr. A. W. Moore, Rev. J. N. Sauer, Rev. C. C. Champlin, Rev. N. W. Pendleton, Rev. G. E. Atkinson, Rev. E. L. Spuller, Mrs. Robert C. Kirkwood; **1938**—Mrs. W. W. Furze, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Rev. H. J. Loken, Mrs. A. V. Dunn; **1939**—Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. H. S. Mahood, Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. L. M. Drury, Mrs. F. J. Greene, Rev. J. N. Pierce, Miss Helen M. Perkins.

Committee on Ministerial Standing: **1937**—Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. Herman F. Swartz, Rev. George T. Tolson, Rev. Benjamin Gould; **1938**—Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen; **1939**—Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Gail Cleland.

Representatives to Anti-Saloon League: Rev. Gail Cleland and Mr. George S. Martin.

Representatives to State Christian Endeavor: Rev. George E. Atkinson.

Fraternal Delegates to Southern California: Rev. Thomas T. Giffen and Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. Dwayne Orton, Rev. Westwood Wallace, and Rev. Alden A. Read.

California Church Council: Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Tom Watt, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid.

The officers of the Board of Directors of the Conference, California Home Missionary Society, and the Congregational Ministers' Relief Society will be:

President: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.

Vice-President: Mrs. Frank J. Greene.

Secretary: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Treasurer: Rev. W. Wallace Furze.

Assistant Treasurer: Mr. C. S. Morse.

Auditor: Mr. C. B. Wingate.

Executive Committee: Mrs. W. W. Furze, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Miss Helen M. Perkins, Rev. George E. Atkinson, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. J. N. Pierce, and Mrs. F. J. Greene.

"LET US LABOR AND PRAY"

By the time this issue of "Pacific" reaches its readers, the four-day Preaching Mission in the Bay District, with the national team, will be in full swing, or perhaps an event of the past. Congregational ministers will have met to hear and to honor our own representative, Dr. Douglas Horton.

However, the Preaching Mission, in its most important phases, lies ahead. Sixteen cities of northern California are to be visited by teams of preachers in the two-day Mission between November 16 and 19. But the climax of the whole movement is to come November 29 to December 6, when thousands of churches will be having their own preaching missions with their own or neighboring pastors in the pulpits, bringing the inspiration and conviction of this national movement to the hearts and minds of individual souls. To the end that the thought and loyalty of men shall be turned toward our Christ, let us labor and pray.

HARLEY H. GILL.

WHO WILL PAY THE BEER BILL?

In 1914, just before the country began to go dry state by state, the annual beer consumption in the United States would have filled a ditch six feet wide, three feet deep, reaching from New York to Seattle.

And who paid the bill?

The family paid the bill in lessened comforts, lessened food, lessened clothing, lessened happiness, lessened respect, lessened money for education; often paid even in actual cold, actual hunger, actual brutality.

The drinker generally paid the bill not only in money, but in loss of job, loss of love of his family, loss of standing in his community. Society paid the bill in hospitals and charities for the drinker and his family, in accidents and deaths due to drink-fogged brains.

The worst burdens fall, not upon him who drinks, but upon those who suffer because of the drinking habits of others.

EVANGELINE C. BOOTH.
General of the Salvation Army.

"AS LONG AS WE CAN DO GOOD—"

Over 800 In-Patients treated before the year was half over, reports Dr. Herbert C. Brokenshire, Davao, Philippine Islands. A unique thing about Davao Mission Hospital is the fact that they are supporting an evangelist for work in the hill country among the pagan Bagobos. "We have lots to be thankful for even though at present it is more or less of a hand to mouth proposition," writes Dr. Brokenshire, referring to financial lacks, but he adds, "As long as we can do good and pay our way as we go, I shall be happy."

"OPENING ROADS"

"Opening Roads, Addresses for Young People", by the Reverend Archibald Black. The MacMillan Company. $1.75. "People do not need so much to be instructed as to be reminded," it has been said. "Opening Roads" may remind ministers that young people, especially the very young, like sermons preached especially for them. Dr. Black has tactfully said "young people", when preaching to children. He has classified the forty brief addresses, "Along the Ordinary Road," "The Road of Fancy," "Far-away Roads," "Roads of Old," "On Roads with Jesus," "The Roads of God."

Laura Bell Everett

GERMAN Y. P. RALLY

The autumn Missions Rally of the German Sunday schools and young people's societies was held at the Zion church, Fresno, on Sunday, November 1. As usual, a great crowd filled the church to capacity. Philip Spomer, the President, with his committees, had planned an excellent program. The home and world-wide work of missions was effectively presented. Music plays a large part in meetings of these young people.

FROM LETTERS BY DR. LEONARD WILBUR

Judging from events in other places, I suppose that if the Japanese do take over this area, things will not be especially pleasant for us. However, there seems to be nothing to do about it now, and we must go ahead as well as we can. Looking over the reports from the rest of the world, sometimes I think that Taiku is just about as quiet a place to be as anywhere else. Certainly there is no place outside of the American continent which can be very sure of prolonged peace, and last time even America didn't keep out of it. It hasn't seemed to me that the United States has shown any more willingness to make any sacrifice than any other country.

The prize story for the week is of the woman who brought in her desperately sick baby to see what we could do. Examination showed that while he had little chance to get well, he was far from hopeless. We urged that he enter the hospital for treatment, but the mother wasn't interested unless we had some medicine to rub on which would cure him promptly. She realized that he was pretty sick and said, "I wouldn't have brought him at all if he hadn't been a boy."

NEW BOOK BY GILKEY

Under the title, "Getting Help from Religion," Dr. James Gordon Gilkey has written a book that should appeal to all who accept, even vaguely, the theory of evolution. Believing that "the underlying purpose of the entire life process is the development of the finer abilities and qualities latent in human beings," he goes on to show that one may depend on a strength beyond his own. The book is definitely helpful in its suggestions for "Taking God's Help," for consciously approaching the all-encompassing Divine Love.

Dr. Gilkey, pastor at Springfield, Massachusetts, is the author of "Meeting the Challenge of Modern Doubt," "A Faith for the New Generation," "The Certainty of God," "Secrets of Effective Living," "Solving Everyday Problems," "Managing One's Self," and "You Can Master Life."

Laura Bell Everett

("Getting Help from Religion," by Dr. James Gordon Gilkey. The MacMillan Company, $1.75.)

"God's candles we, some burning high, some low,
We see the flames as souls where'er we go,
God's candles we, if set where dark or light
It matters not, if we but keep His altar bright.
God's candles we, lit from His radiant flame,
If we burn clear and high, we glorify His name.
God's candles we, O may we brighter glow
To lighten other flames, that flicker low."

(From a pastoral letter sent by Rev. Charles E. Ward of Redwood City.)

HOLDING OUR OWN

Since the church-by-church report was not printed in the October issue, the first of the three columns below indicates remittances for two months,—September and October. During that period we just about held our own with the corresponding months of last year. The gain of $1500 which was reported at the end of August over 1935 has been maintained. A comparison of the last two columns shows that 39 churches have made larger remittances in 1936 than in 1935; 31 have lost; and 5 have sent the same amount. Only two months and ten days remain to complete the apportionment year. We must not only maintain the lead of $1500, but increase it considerably if we are to meet the needs and do our part in the program of advance planned at Evanston last January.

	Sept.-Oct. 1936	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31,'36	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31,'35
Adin	$	$ 37.04	$ 89.00
Alameda	127.79	320.91	145.31
Alturas	.....	23.78	18.93
Angels Camp	25.00	75.00	47.06
Antioch	.....	21.80	27.86
Auburn	25.00	50.00	50.00
Benicia	.....	20.00	24.00
Berkeley—			
First	1.169.31	5.328.24	5,122.67
North	75.00	450.00	525.00
Park	26.17	62.23	60.03
Campbell	.....	104.00	192.00
Ceres	.....	113.41	.....
Cloverdale	9.30	54.40	71.28
Cotati	.....	30.18	39.86
Crockett	.....	40.40	59.03
Etna	.....	12.00	.....
Eureka	40.78	220.64	229.90
Fairfax	.....	.....	15.00
Ferndale	39.70	230.79	190.38
Fresno—			
First	233.60	552.88	506.47
Pilgrim	.....	50.00	82.90
Glen Ellen	.....	2.27	.....
Grass Valley	.....	.....	10.00
Hayfork	.....	5.00	.....
Hayward	.....	85.00	112.50
Kenwood	12.93	36.49	56.66
Lewiston	1.50	1.50	.....
Likely	.....	5.00	5.00
Lockeford	.....	2.50	7.00
Lodi, First	80.00	390.00	452.00
Loomis	.....	11.90	37.31
Martinez	51.80	193.13	157.21
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Niles	.....	10.00	22.20
Oakland—			
First	760.00	3,918.70	3,301.47
Fruitvale	.....	5.00	11.50
Japanese	.....	5.00	.....
Pilgrim	14.60	14.60	3.50
Plymouth	140.00	585.00	525.00
Oroville	30.00	110.00	105.00
Pacific Grove	114.35	369.28	342.91
Palo Alto	700.00	1,250.00	400.00
Paradise	11.57	103.57	167.00
Penn Grove	.....	3.00	.....
Pescadero	2.00	2.00	.....
Petaluma	100.85	524.66	447.51
Pittsburg	17.10	81.13	44.84
Port Chicago	2.00	4.65	2.35
Porterville	37.50	112.50	17.00
Redwood City	100.00	335.00	250.00
Reedley, Finnish	.....	25.00	25.00
Ripon	13.83	44.92	47.50
Sacramento	156.80	444.06	442.25
Salida	.....	.....	50.00
San Carlos	.....	10.00	15.00
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	89.05	299.99	272.67
First	282.46	1,186.22	1,133.19
Ocean View	10.99	31.00	23.92
Richmond	.....	22.11	4.00
San Jose	190.00	490.00	561.80
SanLeandro—			
Broadmoor	24.23	65.92	67.73
San Rafael	.....	20.00	15.06
Santa Cruz	180.00	490.00	540.00
Santa Rosa	32.74	154.40	198.86
Saratoga	.....	231.73	160.00
Sebastopol	16.85	156.76	214.25
Sonoma	21.80	70.64	71.25
Soquel	12.00	41.00	47.00
Stockton	95.50	403.65	420.29
Suisun	.....	45.00	45.00
Sunnyvale	.....	14.92	5.70
Tulare	160.00	255.00	165.00
Weaverville	31.37	102.36	46.00
Woodside	.....	8.86	.....
Reno, Nev.	79.37	309.50	302.09
Special Deficit Fund	.....	.....	825.05
Miscellaneous	7.00	708.25	482.79
	$5.351.84	$21.615.87	$20.196.04

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PORTERVILLE. While more than two hundred were in attendance at morning worship on Sunday, October 25, the church building caught on fire. The congregation dispersed in an orderly manner and no one was injured, although the rear portion of the building was entirely destroyed, as was also the roof on the main auditorium. The organ was seriously damaged. The building was only partially covered by insurance, but the spirit of the church and the community has been revealed in a wonderful way and plans are on foot for reconstruction.

Sixteen new members were received the first Sunday in October, making a total of 56 for the year, 46 of the number being adults, and 29 on confession of faith. Seventy-five men attended a fellowship dinner on October 16, as a follow-up of the laymen's conference held at Fresno. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, is much in demand as a speaker before various civic and public assemblies.

SACRAMENTO. The Emancipation Campaign is going forward with more than 50 per cent of the total asking now in hand. The church has a full year in which to meet the proposal of the mortgage holder, and plans to push the campaign throughout the year, or at least as long as it is necessary to raise the full $20,000.

Word reaches us from Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor, that Sunday morning, November 1, at about 9:45, a fire broke out in the organ loft, caused by an electric blow heater. It damaged the organ, also the interior woodwork, but because a group of college young people were breakfasting there that morning and discovered the flames in time, probably very serious damage to the church building was averted.

FRESNO, FIRST. The rebuilding and redecorating of the church, which was described in the October issue of The Pacific, has been completed. On October 4 a large crowd filled the building at two services. In the morning a dedication sermon was preached by Supt. Harley H. Gill and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, Field Secretary. In the evening, following a delightful musical program, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, former pastor, gave an address. The entire cost of the rebuilding, of a new organ, and of lifting the mortgage, has been provided and is a testimony to the vision and the effective work of Rev. Norman B. Henderson, pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. The Weaverville young people's society has increased from an average attendance of twelve to about 25. New tables are to be made for the social hall, a contribution is to be made to church expense, and to the religious work at the University of California. At Hayfork, in spite of the defection of a group of extreme fundamentalists, loyal people are meeting with the pastor, Rev. James Salmon, regularly for Bible study. Services are held regularly at Lewiston and Junction City.

PACIFIC GROVE. Repairs on the church and the parsonage, totaling $500, have been cared for through a bequest from one of the faithful members. The Young People's Federation of the peninsula area has been reorganized. Bible study on Monday nights, prayer groups on Friday nights, and radio broadcasts over KDON on Sunday afternoons, are parts of the program for growth and service. Three young men were received into fellowship at the October communion. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. On October 13, a council of churches of the Santa Clara Association and of certain individuals, assembled for the purpose of examining and ordaining Alden Arthur Read, the pastor. Mr. Read acquitted himself before the council, and a very impressive ordination service followed. Two significant features of the service were the participation by Rev. Reed B. Cherington, former pastor, who presided, and Rev. James L. Read of Los Angeles, the father of the candidate, who offered the prayer of ordination. Rev. Carl S. Patton preached the sermon; Rev. Victor H. Morgan read the Scripture; Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. Benjamin Gould gave the charge to the people; and Rev. Charles E. Ward extended the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Willard B. Thorp offered the prayer of invocation. The young people's society is a most encouraging feature of the church work. Some new church members are in prospect, and plans are being laid for a more thorough handling of the financial obligations.

STOCKTON. A redemption campaign, to free the church from debt and keep it free, is to be held from November 22 to 25. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, is in charge of the plans for this drive, and is being given the enthusiastic support of the entire congregation. This is the first appeal the Congregationalists have made to the community in seven years and it is felt that the $11,000 which is needed will be raised.

The annual harvest home festival of the Congregational women was held on Friday, October 30, in Pilgrim Hall. Rev. Gail Cleland of the First Congregational Church of Alameda was the speaker. His subject was "Around the World in Forty Minutes." Over one hundred women attended the luncheon.

OROVILLE. A harvest festival of missions was observed on October 11. The church was decorated with harvest products. Rev. Stephen Lee of the Marysville Chinese Presbyterian Church spoke on "The Plight of Chinese Christians in America." On the evening following, a dinner was served by the ladies and various preserved foods were sold, netting more than $60 for benevolences. The church now has a splendid choir of young people. Rev. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer, pastor, has given a series of sermons on the Minor Prophets and a series of studies, on Wednesday evenings, on Africa. The church is actively cooperating in the Preaching Mission Movement.

BERKELEY, PARK. The improving of the church property and the reincorporated of the church have been completed. Something over $500 has been expended and the entire sum has been covered by the gifts from the people, with the exception of about $85. This church has the unique distinction of receiving into membership a man who lives on the Gold Coast of West Africa, Mr. Victor Bidoe, into whose hands had fallen a copy of "Ballads of Gallilee" by Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor.

SANTA ROSA. Under the leadership of Rev. Wilfred Withington the Sunday evening forum, which has featured the work of this church during the past two years, is being continued. Among those participating, in addition to the pastor, are Jerome O. Cross, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Santa Rosa schools; Phillip Becklund, representing "Future Farmers"; H. A. Weinland, Agricultural Agent, and John P. Plover, State Probation Officer.

LOCKEFORD. This church, which was organized in 1862, has decided that it no longer desires to continue as a member of the Congregational denomination. The church has been federated with the Lockeford Methodist church for a number of years, and has increasingly felt itself to be out of step with both the Methodist and Congregational denominations. Some of the ministers who have served the church have been of the four-square gospel type. At the last meeting of the Methodist Annual Conference, the church was dropped as a member. Recently the grant mortgage held by the Congregational Church Building Society on the property was paid and the church made application to the Central Association for dismissal, which request was granted at a special meeting held in connection with the Conference at San Jose. The action taken was in a harmonious spirit, and the Conference wishes our good friends of Lockeford happiness and increased usefulness in the new arrangement.

REDWOOD CITY. Attendance at both Sunday school and church have been "on the up" since Rev. Charles E. Ward began his pastorate, August 16. September 27 was Rally Day in the Sunday school and Home-coming Day in the church. There were splendid attendances at both services. One class of 19 boys was promoted from the Primary Department, and a class of girls and a mixed group stepped up from Beginners to Primary. The church service brought back many "old-timers" in both choir and audience. The October church dinner was served by the men, under the leadership of Caswell Swett, chief cook and master of the kitchen.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The choir has been reorganized. Boy Scouts, men's club, women's circles and guild, are in full swing of activity. An intermediate Christian Endeavor society is soon to be organized. Three persons joined the church on November 1, all excellent workers. New hymn books have been provided for the Sunday school, and many bills that have been outstanding have been paid. Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, certainly believes in working the field. In September he made about a hundred pastoral calls.

SEBASTOPOL. The seventh annual service in honor of the Sonoma County Golden Wedding Club has taken place. Seventy-five couples are members. A bouquet was given to the oldest couple, who had been married 62 years; one to the youngest couple, who had been married 50 years and 10 days; and a third to the president and secretary, who had been married 58 years.

A beautiful large pulpit Bible has been presented to the church by Mr. D. D. Sinclair. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastor.

RENO. The 11th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. William Moll Case was beautifully and appropriately observed. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Case, and a handsome pulpit gown to the pastor. Other tokens of flowers, and many expressions of affection made the occasion one of happiness and interest.

FAIRFAX. Rev. Charles L. Mears continues the very helpful service of preaching at San Quentin Prison once in three months, and of holding interviews with prisoners who desire to confer with him once a month. He regards this as one of the most fruitful experiences of his entire ministry.

MARTINEZ. The county Christian Endeavor convention was held in this church, and elected the following Martinez people to offices: Charles Jessup and Eulalie Matheson, superintendents of Junior Work; Vernez Cook, chairman of Evangelism; and Mrs. Westwood Wallace, superintendent of Missionary Work.

Thirteen new members were received into fellowship of the church in October. A young people's cabinet has been named to supervise the religious education program, including the Sunday school and four active C. E. societies. The pastor of the Methodist church is cooperating with Rev. Westwood Wallace in Sunday evening panel discussions of special interest to young people. The ministers and wives of the Upper Bay Association were entertained at dinner and plans made for the forming of a ministerial fellowship..

COTATI AND PENN GROVE. Fifty men were brought together at a chicken dinner recently, and were addressed by Ensign M. M. Champlin, son of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin. They are forming a club to meet alternately at Penn Grove and Cotati. The young people of the two churches have withdrawn from the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor societies, and have enthusiastically taken up the Pilgrim Fellowship plan, and are now studying Africa. The Ladies' Aid societies of both churches are flourishing. A teacher training class is going forward under the direction of the pastor, and dramas are being produced to increase Sunday school attendance. A community census is now under way in both communities.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Golden Jubilee of the erection of the Grace church building was held the first week of October. Histories of the various churches which have gone into the merger were prepared and presented. Greetings were extended by former pastors at a reception. The pastor, Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, preached the anniversary sermon, using as his theme, "The Year of Jubilee." Beautiful souvenir programs were presented, containing a directory of officers and of ministers who had served the churches.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Seventy people attended a dinner at Angels' Camp and listened to an address by Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton. Thirty-five people came together at Sheep Ranch and decided to have an evening meeting twice a month, with an hour session for children and young people, and a preaching service for adults. On the first evening 13 children and 15 adults were in attendance. Rev. Glenn Corbin, the pastor, reports that a new C.C.C. camp has been established at Murphy.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Committee of the Federation will meet on the third Thursday of November at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

San Jose Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Federation was held at San Jose on Wednesday, October 28. Mrs. Benjamin Gould was hostess at the luncheon, served to about three hundred women at the Y. W. C. A. A short meeting followed, at which Mrs. A. V. Dunn, the President, presided, which was adjourned to the church auditorium for joint session with the Conference, which Dr. Gail Cleland addressed on the subject, "The Clash of Oriental Systems."

Mrs. J. J. Miller, of the hostess church, greeted the Federation and brought a message of wisdom and inspiration. Fully appreciating the busy lives of the women to whom she was speaking, with their multitudinous calls hither and yon,—in home, church, school, and club,—and aware of the drabness of many of the days and the discouragements, she admonished us not to forget the higher reaches. She said:

"Be like the bird that, on the branch
Too frail to bear him, sings;
He carols though the slender branches fail,
He knows that he has wings."

YOUTH AND FUTURE

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, of San Mateo, sketched a truly constructive outline for the young people, under the title "Youth Faces the Future." He noted that since there is so much insecurity in the minds of adults—economic, moral, religious — it is not strange that youth feels the same lack of confidence as to the future. From the point of view of adolescent psychology, too much is often expected of the teen age, and yet much of the "blaseness" and of the desire to show off are only signs of restlessness. He suggested three lines along which the church can help to build under these young people a sense of security, namely, in the marriage relation, in the realm of social justice, and in the realm of the spirit. In this day of easy divorce and of broken homes, they need to comprehend the significance of the complete home and personally to visualize the aura of sancity about the truly Christian home. The high idealism of the boy and girl relationship should be cultivated, which, alas, is often laughed at. The young people are uncertain about their economic future. The keynote of human relations is justice, and they must see justice in the world. To build up certainty in the spiritual world against the growing materialism is vitally important. Help them to find in the noble works of literature, in Emerson and Milton, and others, the majestic passages of truth and beauty that stir the very soul. More practically, encourage them to attend the summer conferences, where the spirit of high devotion and of noble purpose is found; loan the family car for a neighborhood rally, or chaperone a party. Give to them unsparingly of the best. The success, not only of the church of the future but of the world, depends upon the youth of today.

Mrs. Leslie Drury reports that the Envelope Series for September contains a very lovely Thank Offering service and other devotional material. The Prayer Guild secretary announces that Christmas literature is now ready at the Conference office.

ASSOCIATION RALLIES

Upper Bay Association held an all-day meetong on September 16 at Martinez, when five out of nine churches were represented. Central Association met with the Stockton church on October 1, and had a goodly representation. At both of these meetings Mrs. A. V. Dunn discussed women's work in the church, stressing the value of a planned program, and the program outlined by the Federation was presented. Miss Helen Perkins, at both meetings, aroused the interest of all in the study of Africa. The World Friendship program for the Church School received much attention also. The leaders who attended went home to their church societies with much information as well as with inspiration. Both Associations expressed gratitude to Mrs. Dunn and Miss Perkins for their splendid assistance.

W. B. M. P. NEWS

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific, held on September 16, announcement was made of the receipt of the matured conditional gift of Mrs. Fannie B. Look of Los Angeles, amounting to a little more than $3,000. Part of this has been pledged for the travel and one year's salary of a much needed teacher at Merzifoun. Miss Gladys Perry has already sailed for Turkey to take up this work.

With the $1,000 legacy received by the Board upon the death of Mrs. J. K. McLean a Scholarship Fund has been established, to be held by the American Board, the income of which will be used each year to assist needy students. For this coming year the school at Ismir (Smyrna), of which Edith Parsons is principal, will receive the aid.

Last minute news was brought from the missionaries still on the field whom the women on this coast know so well; from Edith Parsons in Turkey, Dr. Alma Cooke and Bertha Allen in China,, Mary Florence Denton and Frances Clapp in Japan, Dr. Rose Beals in India, and Jeannie Jillson in Syria.

Mrs. C. A. Kofold was reelected president of the Board and Mrs. Ernest A. Evans chairman of the Board of Directors.

HOSPITALITY

Does everyone know what the Hospitality Committee of the Federation does? It meets incoming missionaries at the steamers, assists them to their hotels, helps them make contacts with friends and acquaintances, guides them to the best shops, and renders many other services that persons long absent or those arriving at the port of San Francisco for the first time appreciate. This committee also speeds the outgoing missionaries. Flowers are sent to the staterooms, and, if there are children, they are sure to find a box of candy awaiting them, all reminding the travelers that there are friends wishing them Godspeed. The letters of gratitude which the committee receives from those receiving these courtesies show how deeply such service is appreciated. Mrs. E. V. Krick is the chairman of the committee.

During the last few weeks, farewells have been said to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Galt and son, sailing for North China; to Rev. and Mrs. George Newell, for Foochow; to Miss Sabeta, for India; and to Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Gillett and children, for Kyoto. Welcome was extended to Miss Katsumata and her friend, graduates of the Doshisha University, on their way to Berea College for further study.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. In Durham, N. C., at 12:30 on October 23, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen and Miss Emma Jane Jones were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. David H. Scanlon, the bride's pastor and a friend of Mr. Giffen, officiated. Dr. and Mrs. Giffen have returned to Oakland. A reception will be given by the Plymouth Church in their honor on November 13. Miss Jones has been on the staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Durham, N. C., for a number of years. A very wide circle of friends in Fresno, Oakland, and throughout the Conference, unite in extending congratulations and best wishes.

PETALUMA. Sunday evening forums have been addressed by Dr. C. C. McCown and Dr. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion; Mr. R. H. Chamberlain, Assistant District Attorney of Alameda County; Dr. Tully C. Knoles, President of College of the Pacific; and Mr. R. H. Glassley of Montgomery, Ward & Co., Oakland. Rev. Ralph Waddell has been giving a series of sermons on books of the Bible, chosen by members of the congregation.

SARATOGA, FEDERATED. Ten new members were received on November 1, eight of them on confession of faith. Five were adults and five young people. There were also a number of baptisms. In twelve months the church has lost two deacons by death and two by removal from the community. Three splendid families have moved away. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is leading his church in sharing in the Preaching Mission Movement.

NILES. Rev. R. C. Day of Sonoma has been called as pastor of this church, and will take up his duties December 1. In the meantime the pulpit will be supplied by Rev. Henry Stauffer. The budget of the church was completely subscribed in a canvass under the leadership of Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman. With a resident pastor devoting full time, and with a man of Mr. Day's record and experience, Niles is looking forward to the making of splendid progress.

COLBERT LOCATED IN OAKLAND

The many friends of Rev. Horton Colbert will be interested to learn that he is now the settled pastor of the First Universalist Church of Oakland, following a period of several months in which he served as supply. The church and parsonage are located at 491 Cheney Avenue.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A new roof, a new electric lighting system, and a new furnace are planned, together with some much-needed painting. A series of Sunday evening Shakespearean lectures was given in October by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr.

Many friends are rejoicing with Mr. Orr in the success of his son, J. Clayton Orr, in passing the State Bar examination and becoming a full-fledged attorney.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW Members and friends of the church joined in a reception and dinner to welcome the new pastor, Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick. Rev. G. A. Charnock, a former pastor, was speaker, emphasizing not only the responsibility of the minister, but that of his parishioners. A semi-monthly church bulletin has been inaugurated, and is sponsored by the young people's groups.

SANTA CRUZ. That Rev. H. S. Mahood is truly a community pastor is evidenced by the fact that for the first nine months in the year he was called upon to conduct more than a hundred funerals. This involves a tremendous amount of time in visiting, but it indicates how helpful his ministrations must be.

RIO VISTA. After several months without leadership, it has been decided that Rio Vista must have a full-time resident pastor. Rev. Victor Morgan of Woodside has received the unanimous call, but at the time of going to press has not announced his decision.

BIOLA. Rev. Paul Kalmbach, formerly of Hastings, Nebraska, has arrived and has taken up his duties as pastor. Rev. B. H. Kissler, former pastor, has removed to Fort Morgan, Colorado.

SANGER. Rev. Henry Reiter has resigned the pastorate of this church on account of ill health. He has moved to Fresno, where, with his family, he will operate a neighborhood grocery store. The church is being supplied by Rev. Ferdinand Zahl.

ANTIOCH. Attendance at Sunday services is gratifying. A capacity crowd attended a pot-luck dinner recently. The church treasurer's report was optimistic. Sunday school and young people's groups are growing. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

ALTURAS. A number of new families have moved to Alturas and are associating themselves with the church. There has been a gain in interest. New hymn books are soon to be provided. Rev. J. K. Ballou is pastor.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor, reports that October 18 was the high attendance day for a regular church service in the two years of his pastorate.

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